

Centerline

Newsletter



North Carolina Department of Transportation

Fall 2010

Message from the Director

As temperatures start to fall in the coming weeks, the Governor's Highway Safety Program will begin gearing up for a season full of campaigns. We have seen an increase in participation during our highway safety campaigns and could not be more pleased with the commitment from law enforcement agencies statewide.

We credit our point system for offering a great way to earn equipment for activities that agencies are already doing. In this issue you will learn more about how to redeem your points. We hope to streamline the ordering process for agencies to receive equipment in a more timely manner.

I wish you all the best of luck and continued success as you enforce our traffic laws. As always, news, updates and campaign dates are available on our website. I encourage agencies to check it often.

Sincerely,

David Weinstein
Director



Above: David Weinstein is presented with the game ball by team ambassador Bill Law during "Click It or Ticket" night at the Durham Bulls.

Labor Day

"Booze It & Lose It" Campaign

State and local law enforcement officers cited 3,297 motorists for driving while impaired during the Labor Day "Booze It & Lose It" campaign, which ran Aug. 20-Sept. 6. A total of 111,668 traffic and criminal citations were issued statewide.

Officers conducted more than 11,180 sobriety checkpoints and dedicated patrols. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations included: Mecklenburg (286), Wake (215) and Robeson (177).

Officers also issued 8,698 seat belt and 1,413 child passenger safety violations, 32,635 speeding violations and 2,163 drug charges. In addition, they apprehended 1,100 fugitives from justice and recovered 113 stolen vehicles.

Halloween "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign Oct. 29-31, 2010

Join Us for a Kickoff Event

October 29 at 11 a.m.

Tweetsie Railroad
300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Tweetsie Railroad is located on U.S. 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock. From the Blue Ridge Parkway exit at Milepost 291.
(Boone exit)

BOOZE IT & LOSE IT.



Labor Day "Booze It & Lose It" Total Numbers

Total Checkpoints, Patrols	Driving While Impaired Violations	Total Occupant Restraint Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations
Aug. 20-Sept. 6 11,180	3,267	10,111	9,056	111,668



The "911 Parade of Heroes" held in Alamance County.

Child Passenger Safety Week Sept. 20-26

Child Passenger Safety Week is held annually to remind parents the importance of properly securing children in child safety seats. An average of more than 1,000 children under the age of 16 have been saved from death or serious injury over the last three years due to a variety of factors, with a high level of restraint use being first and foremost among them.

Safe Kids North Carolina, a program of the N.C. Department of Insurance, provides technical training to traffic safety advocates and outreach to families statewide. In conjunction with Child Passenger Safety Week, local Safe Kids coalitions will be conducting child passenger safety clinics to provide low-cost safety seats to qualified recipients and help families learn how to use them correctly. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend "Seat Check Saturday" events on Saturday, Sept. 25 to have their seats checked by a certified technician.

As part of Child Passenger Safety Week, the Museum of Life and Science in Durham is hosting Child Passenger Safety Day Sept. 22 from 1-4 p.m. Several demonstrations and exhibits will be geared towards car seat safety. There will be live car crash demonstrations and several interactive displays for children and adults.

For more information about Child Passenger Safety Week and the proper use of booster seats, visit www.buckleupnc.org. For a complete listing of CPS Week clinics and other events, refer to the "Local CPS Events Calendar" link.

Upcoming Campaigns Dates and Deadlines

Week	Dates of Enforcement	Reports Due
Child Passenger Safety Week		
Week 1	Sept. 20-26	5 p.m., Sept. 27
Halloween "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign		
Weekend 1	Oct. 29-Nov. 31	5 p.m., Nov. 1
No Need 2 Speed		
Week 1	Nov. 15-21	5 p.m., Nov. 22
Week 2	Nov. 22-28	5 p.m., Nov. 29
Holiday "Booze It & Lose It" Campaign		
Week 1	Dec. 3-5	5 p.m., Dec. 6
Week 2	Dec. 6-12	5 p.m., Dec. 13
Week 3	Dec. 13-19	5 p.m., Dec. 20
Week 4	Dec. 20-26	5 p.m., Dec. 27
Week 5	Dec. 27-Jan. 2	5 p.m., Jan. 3
Tree of Life Ceremonies		
Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m., Raleigh		
Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m., Hendersonville		
Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m., Wilmington		

Mark Your Calendars 2011 Traffic Safety Symposiums

Jan. 10-12, 2011 in Charlotte

Jan. 18-20, 2011 in Wilmington

Registration materials coming soon.



Above: During the "Click It or Ticket" night at the Durham Bulls game in May, Safe Kids had several safety demonstrations for children and parents regarding child passenger safety and how to "spot a tot" around a vehicle.

2010 Point Reimbursements Due Nov. 2

The 2010 point year will end Sept. 30, with the new point year beginning Oct. 1. All point submissions must be received by this date or points will be rolled over to the 2011 point year. On our website you will notice several redemption forms posted. A separate form will need to be completed for each item being requested. For example, if you are requesting one radar and one stop stick, you will need to complete the corresponding forms for those items. All forms must be faxed to GHSP (919-733-0604) **by Nov. 2, 2010.**

In accordance with the regulations of North Carolina, the equipment located on our forms is approved for use and purchase in our state. Agencies should conduct their own research for an accurate determination of equipment that is best for their department.

To obtain your agency's yearly totals, visit our website: <http://www.ncdot.gov/programs/ghsp/>.

- From our website, click on Law Enforcement (left side of Web page) and click on Access Points System button, or click on Points System (right side of page) and Click Here to Access the GHSP Points System.
- At the login screen, enter your agency's username and password to get to your agency's points.
- Click on Current Agency Total. This spreadsheet is a complete list of approved points for your agency. **You will need to sum the total column in order to receive your agency's total 2010 points.**
- Rollover points are points from previous years, with adjustment of points from equipment purchases, which are rolled over from year to year. Grant agencies will have a deduction of 700 points for 2010. Your agency's total column contains all of your agency's points from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

You should compare these points to your agency's documentation to make sure the points are correct. **If you have discrepancies, please contact GHSP at (919-733-3083) by November 2, 2010.**



Deputy Steve Pedersen and Henderson County Sheriff Rick Davis ride through Hendersonville during a beautiful Fall day.

Earn Points with Bike Safe NC

Agencies can now earn points for hosting a Bike Safe class as well as assisting agencies with a class. For more information, visit the GHSP website under Point System.



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